



Organizational Definitions and Chart

Board of Directors – responsible for ensuring the management of the organization. Accept fiduciary and legal responsibility for the organization.

Advisory Board – convened by the organization to give advice and support. Members do not have any legal or formal responsibilities.

Board Committees – focus on specific organizational needs and make recommendations to the whole board.

Board Council Liaison – keeps the communications flow between council, projects and the directors. Offers support and expertise to project teams.

Executive Director – Oversees day-to-day activities and implements directives from the board. Lead coordinator and liaison between all parts of organization.

Councils –

Definition

An OVGC council is made up of Coalition and community members collaborating on issues affecting resiliency and sustainability through projects, stakeholder collaboration, and policy development.

Our three councils are:

Built Environment: social and physical infrastructure, energy, buildings, transportation.

Built environment refers to the human-made surroundings that provide the setting for human activity, ranging in scale from personal shelter and buildings to neighborhoods and cities that includes the supporting infrastructure. The built environment is a material, spatial and cultural product of human labor that combines physical elements and energy in forms necessary for living, working and playing.

Watershed: systems, water conservation and efficiency.

A watershed encompasses all the land surface that collects and drains water down to a single exit point. Watersheds underlie all human endeavors and form the foundation for all future aspirations and survival. Watersheds topographically define community and the health of a watershed depends on collaborative relations between neighbors in the shared basin.

Food: production, process, preparation.

A sustainable community food system is a collaborative network that integrates sustainable food production, processing, distribution, consumption and waste management in order to enhance the environmental, economic and social health of a particular place. Farmers, consumers and the community partner to create a locally based, self-reliant food economy.

Who sits on councils

board member liaison and council chair

any member who likes to work on the big picture, plan & organize

*community stakeholders

Role Description

Internal –

vet submitted projects

guide core team through set-up process

review monthly progress reports, ensure project goals are being met and evaluate effectiveness

the board liaison reports to the board on projects

council members act as mentors and advisors to projects' core team as needed (ideally one council member is paired with a project).

meetings would be open and a way for new members/public to learn about projects between the quarterly general meetings.

External (long term goal) –

examine how focus-related sectors in community are operating and develop recommendations on how to improve it

promote inter-jurisdictional cooperation and collaboration

develop potential larger community projects and recruit project core teams

Supporting Committees: Government Liaison (advocacy), Events, Communications & Publicity

Support the board of directors, executive director and projects as advocacy, event planning, or internal/public communications are needed.

Projects

A short or long-term endeavor undertaken to create a positive environmentally-based product, service or result. It has measurable goals with defined objectives, timeline and resource needs. Projects are predominately initiated by the community. Some short term or one day events are generated by the board, executive director, or Events committee.

Project Team

Consisting of a minimum of three people, a project team is the lead planners and organizers of a project.

